



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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SEMA's Homepage: sema.dps.mo.gov

Winter Awareness Day is November 17

The Winter Awareness Campaign is posted at: http://sema.dps.mo.gov/winter_awareness.htm. Winter Awareness Day is Wednesday, November 17. The date is selected to remind holiday travelers to prepare for potentially hazardous driving conditions in other areas of the country and prepare car safety kits. The campaign also reminds citizens about severe winter terms and home safety preparations. The campaign features several draft press releases. Local EMDs can take the news releases to their media; and then use them again in the event of winter storms/blizzards. The campaign also includes the National Weather Services winter awareness information packet.

FY'05 Homeland Security Grant Guidance

Here is what we know so far about the FY05 funding - especially timelines. We expect to get grant guidance in early December from ODP. We don't know when the funding clock will start. In FY05, they are adding EMPG and MMRS grants to the states. We don't know how much Missouri will get in total.

Regarding UASI, we've heard that there will be an increase in total funding, but we don't know whether that means additional cities, additional programs, or more per UASI. Missouri has two UASI communities – St. Louis and Kansas City. We've heard that the grant guidance will be greatly enhanced.

We hope to know more in December. Tom Mohr and Jim Wakeman will be attending a 2-region ODP meeting. A discussion of the FY05 Homeland Security funding is on the agenda.

Area Coordinator Meetings Set

Area B: 6:30 p.m., December 6 at the Shelbina Library Meeting Room, Shelbina.

Area C: 10 a.m., November 16, St. Louis County Office of Emergency Management, Chesterfield.

Area D: 10 a.m., January 12, in TBA, Springfield

Area G: noon, December 1, Hillbilly Junction, Willow Springs

ODP Announces Firefighter Grants (Rounds 19, 21)

The Office of Domestic Preparedness announced 46 Missouri Fire Departments received FY'04 Firefighter assistance grants.

Departments receiving grants for Firefighting Vehicles are: Bolivar FD \$31,500; Bucklin Rural VPD \$124,650; Cabool FD \$85,500; Caledonia FPD \$144,000; Cassville FD \$175,500; Chadwick Rural VFPD \$180,000; Clarence FD \$120,600; Eastern Randolph Rural FPD \$186,075; Gatewood VFD \$54,000; Higginsville Rural FPD \$116,500; Irondale FPD \$90,000; Knox City RFD \$46,215; Laclede Community FPD \$54,000; Marion County R-II FD \$36,000; Van Buren VFD \$133,290; Winfield/Foley FPD \$72,000.

Departments receiving grants for Operations and Firefighter Safety are: Alexandria FPD \$39,782; Asbury FPD \$62,100; Bennett Springs FPD \$49,50; Brookfield FD \$68,932; Browning FD \$28,728; Cainesville FPD \$31,864; Carterville FD \$40,440; Central Polk County Fire/Rescue \$42,903; Claycomo VFD \$64,864; Cole County FPD \$150,705; Dixon Rural FPD \$79,726; Doolittle Rural FPD \$62,010; Fruitland Area FPD \$51,502; Garden City FPD \$46,067; Johnson County FPD \$117,000; Lincoln County FPD \$155,712; Lotawana FPD \$45,180; Malden FD \$91,212; Mt Vernon Rural FPD \$33,570; New Haven/Berger FPD \$83,815; North Central Carroll Co FPD \$31,410; Peace Valley/White Church VFPD \$18,536; Prairie Home RFDP \$17,577; Richmond Heights FD \$31,500; Rhineland VFD \$30,494; Springdale FPD \$24,960; Stotts City FPD \$25,703; Summersville Fire & Rescue \$95,868; Trenton FD \$84,124; Webster Groves FD \$48,600.

CDC Publishes Public Health Emergency Response Guide

The Public Health Emergency Response Guide for State, Local, and Tribal Public Health Directors has been finalized and can now be accessed on the CDC website at www.bt.cdc.gov. A pocket-sized field version of the guide will be available to state, local and tribal health departments in January.

Disability Emergency Guide Published

The U.S. Department of Justice recently published "An ADA Guide for Local Governments: Making Community Emergency Preparedness and Response Programs Accessible to People with Disabilities." This is a good resource for emergency planning. This document is at: <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/ada/emergencyprep.htm>

McLaughlin Resigns Citizen Corps Program Manager

Meg McLaughlin resigned as Missouri's Citizen Corps Program Manager to accept a bioterrorism planning position with the Cole County Department of Public Health. Until a new program manager is hired, Statewide Volunteer Coordinator Dante Gliniecki will answer all questions concerning Citizen Councils and CERT.

2005 Presidential Inauguration Designated As National Special Security Event

The DHS designated the Presidential Inauguration (January 20, 2005) as a National Special Security Event (NSSE). This NSSE designation will include the Swearing-in Ceremony, the Inaugural Parade, the official reviewing, and the Inaugural Balls.

Dignitaries, the size, the significance, and anticipated attendance were factors in making the designation. When an event is designated a National Special Security Event, the U.S. Secret Service assumes the role as lead federal agency for the design and implementation of the operational security plan. The Secret Service is responsible for planning, directing and executing federal security operations at designated NSSEs. They coordinate with state and local law enforcement partners to develop the overall security plan.

Treasury Dept Supports Tax Relief for Property Owners Receiving Mitigation Funds

The Deputy Secretary of the Treasury sent a letter dated September 29 to the chairmen of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means, and the Committee on Finance urging enactment of legislation to provide tax relief to property owners who participate in FEMA hazard mitigation programs. Providing a copy of this letter was their response to the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) position paper objecting to the IRS ruling that mitigation funds are taxable income. The letter states "an amendment to the Code that explicitly excludes FEMA mitigation grants from income would provide relief to owners of homes and other property in hazard-prone areas and ensure that the federal policy objective of reducing disaster damages is accomplished."

Resource Management Tools for National Incident Management System

FEMA and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Integration Center, updated the enhanced resource management tools to help incident managers identify, obtain and track needed resources during an incident or disaster. An initial 60 typed definitions were released in March 2004 as part of the National Mutual Aid and Resource Management Initiative. The new Resource Typing Definitions - II provides definitions for an additional 60 glossary and resource definitions. The 120 glossary and resource definitions may be downloaded at www.fema.gov/nims.

New products include an updated National Mutual Aid Glossary of Terms and Definitions, which provides terms for equipment, teams and personnel used in disasters. Resource Typing Definitions - II categorizes equipment and teams by functional grouping and then 'types' or organizes them according to capability and/or capacity. Resource management is a key component of NIMS.